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SECDEF FOR ISA AND DSAA, GHQ JAF FOR P&O

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, JO, US
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA

1. GHQ, JORDAN ARMED FORCES, HAS REQUESTED A LETTER OF
OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE BE PREPARED FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS
WHICH ARE INCLUDED ON THE MAJOR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT LIST,
APPENDIX C, PART III, TO THE MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND SALES
MANUAL:

- ITEM	QTY	U/C	TOTAL
APC M113A1	100	86,083	8,608,300
CSP M113A1	LOT	N/AVAIL	1,291,245
HOW 155MM M109A1B	18	592,792	10,670,256
CSP HOW 155MM M109A1B	LOT	N/AVAIL	1,500,000
-		TOTAL	22,069,801

2. PRICES QUOTED BY JAF FOR ABOVE ITEMS ARE FROM PARA
2 OF CDR USASAC DRSAC-MM/ME MESSAGE, DTG 091423Z MAY 78,
SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR P AND B DATA - JORDAN.

3. JUSTIFICATION:
- A. THE 100 M113A1 ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS AND
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THE 18 M109A1B SELF-PROPELLED HOWITZERS CONSTITUTE 73.5
PERCENT OF THE 136 M113A1 APC'S AND 64.2 PERCENT OF THE
28 SP HOWITZERS WHICH JAF HAS INDICATED THEY DESIRE TO
PROCURE IN FY78 AND FY79. THESE CARRIERS AND HOWITZERS
ARE A PART OF THE ONGOING JORDAN ARAB ARMY MODERIZATION
PLAN AND ARE NEEDED TO ENSURE THE PLAN IS FOLLOWED AND
ALLOWED TO PROGRESS SATISFACTORILY TOWARD COMPLETION.

- B. THE 100 M113A1 CARRIERS REPRESENTS AN APPROX TEN PERCENT ADDITION TO THEIR PRESENT FLEET AND IS A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE TO THE BALANCE OF FORCES IN THE AREA. THE 18 M109A1B HOWITZERS CONSTITUTES AN INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY 15 PERCENT IN JORDAN'S SELF-PROPELLED ARTILLERY. THESE HOWITZERS WILL BE USED TO EITHER REPLACE OUTMODED TOWED HOW IN MECH AND ARMOR UNITS OR FILL OUT PRESENT 4 GUN BATTERIES TO THE STANDARD 6 GUN US TOE CONFIGURATIONS. THIS ALSO WOULD RESULT IN A NEGLIGIBLE CHANGE TO THE AREA'S BALANCE OF FORCES.
 - C. JAF HAS THE CAPABILITY TO PROPERLY OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT AS LIKE ITEMS ARE ALREADY IN THE JAF INVENTORY. NO ADDITIONAL PRIVATE OR OFFICIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL WILL BE NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT IF PROCUREMENT IS AUTHORIZED.
 - D. JAF REQUESTS THE ABOVE ITEMS BE FUNDED UNDER FY77 FMS CREDIT. THOUGH THIS PROGRAM IS NOT YET FUNDED, DISCUSSION OF FY77 FMSCR WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THE US-JORDAN JMC MEETING IN WASHINGTON DC ON 19 JUN 78. PROCUREMENT OF THESE HOW AND APC'S WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED.
 - E. JORDAN'S FINANCIAL SITUATION HAS BEEN REVIEWED IN SEVERAL PREVIOUS MESSAGES AND NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE HAS OCCURRED. THE ECONOMIC IMPACT ON JORDAN FOR PROCUREMENT OF ABOVE ITEMS WOULD BE MINIMAL IF FY77 FMSCR IS USED. JORDAN COULD NOT SUPPORT PROCUREMENT OF THE CARRIERS AND HOWITZERS WITHOUT CONSIDERABLE
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- DIFFICULTY IF IT DEPENDED ON NTS ECONOMY TO SUPPORT THE PURCHASE.
- F. THE ABOVE ITEMS WOULD HAVE NO HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT.
 - G. THE MISSION HAS THE CAPABILITY TO MONITOR THE USE OF THE ABOVE EQUIPMENT.
 - H. ACTION REQUESTED: AMEMBASSY AMMAN RECOMMENDS FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO THIS REQUEST FOR AN LOA AS LONG AS FMS CREDIT IS USED TO FINANCE THE REQUESTED ITEMS. PICKERING. GDS 31 DEC 84.

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